

Central Business District Historic District Landmarks Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: February 11, 2016

Location: City Council Chamber, 1300 Perdido Street, New Orleans, LA 70112

Called to order: 10:00 a.m.

Adjourned: 11:00 a.m.

Commissioners present: Keith Twitchell, James Amdal, Wayne Troyer, John Boyd, Kevin Kelly

Commissioners arriving after beginning of the meeting:

Commissioners absent: Leslie Guthrie

I. Minutes of the January 13, 2016, meeting:

Motion: Approve the minutes.

By: John Boyd

Seconded: Wayne Troyer

Result: Passed

In favor: Keith Twitchell, James Amdal, Wayne Troyer, John Boyd, Kevin Kelly

Opposed:

Comments:

II. Consent Agenda

A. 710 Baronne Street

Application: Partial demolition and renovation of existing two story office building into retail and parking.

New construction of six story, condominium building setback 30'-0" from Baronne St.

Motion: Suspend the rules

By: John Boyd

Seconded: Keith Twitchell

Result: Passed

In Favor: Keith Twitchell, James Amdal, Wayne Troyer, John Boyd, Kevin Kelly

Opposed:

Motion: Remove item II. A. from the Consent agenda.

By: John Boyd

Seconded: Wayne Troyer

Result: Passed

In favor: Keith Twitchell, James Amdal, Wayne Troyer, John Boyd, Kevin Kelly

Opposed:

Motion: Reinstate the rules

By: Keith Twitchell

Seconded: John Boyd

Result: Passed

In favor: Keith Twitchell, James Amdal, Wayne Troyer, John Boyd, Kevin Kelly

Opposed:

Motion: Deny application

By: Kevin Kelley

Seconded: Wayne Troyer

Result: This motion and second were withdrawn.

Motion: Defer action on this application for 60 days, to allow for the architects to work with the ARC and neighbors to work out a design that the neighborhood can support. The Commission agreed it was important for the HDLC staff to review the current guidelines for partial demolition and additions.

By: Wayne Troyer

Seconded: Kevin Kelley

Result: Passed

For: Keith Twitchell, James Amdal, Wayne Troyer, John Boyd, Kevin Kelly

Against:

Comments: Several neighborhood residents and the Lafayette Neighborhood Association spoke against the proposal.

III. New Business Landmark Nomination

Application: Landmark Nomination of 121 Royal Street, former Cosmopolitan Hotel

Motion: Defer matter for thirty days.

By: Keith Twitchell

Seconded: John Boyd

Result: Passed

For: Keith Twitchell, James Amdal, Wayne Troyer, John Boyd, Kevin Kelly

Against:

Comments: Speakers spoke for and against landmark nomination of the building.

IV. New Business Work Applications

A. 527 St. Joseph Street

Application: Construct monitor on the approved penthouse addition.

Motion: Grant conceptual approval with the details to be worked out at the Staff level.

By: Keith Twitchell

Seconded: John Boyd

Result: Passed

For: Keith Twitchell, James Amdal, Wayne Troyer, John Boyd, Kevin Kelly

Against:

Comments: Jack Stewart spoke regarding his concerns about the application.